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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Overview of the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee

Summary

This memorandum provides an overview of the 2016 membership of the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee, charge and activities of the committee, and information regarding committee staff and the committee website.

2016 Committee Membership

Representative Dianne Primavera, Chair

Representative Lois Landgraf
Representative Beth McCann
Representative Su Ryden
Representative Lang Sias

Senator Ellen Roberts, Vice-Chair

Senator Irene Aguilar
Senator John Kefalas
Senator Kevin Lundberg
Senator Beth Martinez Humenik

Background

Senate Bill 11-200 established the Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee and created the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange, which operates as Connect for Health Colorado (exchange). Connect for Health Colorado is the state's insurance exchange created in accordance with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Through Connect for Health Colorado, consumers may shop for and purchase health insurance, determine their eligibility for public health assistance programs such as Medicaid, and receive advance premium tax credits to help purchase qualified health insurance. Senate Bill 15-256 changed the name of the committee to the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee

(committee) and increased the number of meetings permitted. The committee has several key functions, including reviewing the financial and operational plans of the exchange and approving the appointment of an executive director to administer the exchange.

Committee Details and Charge

The committee is charged with reviewing grants applied for by the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange Board of Directors (board) to implement the exchange, reviewing the financial and operational plans of the exchange, and approving the appointment of an executive director to administer the exchange. The board is required to submit a report on the exchange's financial and operational plans to the committee annually.

Meeting Dates and Activities

The committee is required to meet at the call of the chair at least two times during each calendar year, but is allowed to meet an unlimited number of times during the legislative session and up to seven times per year outside of the legislative session. During 2015, the committee held nine meetings. The first 2016 meeting of the committee will be held on March 23, 2016. Connect for Health Colorado staff and board members will be present at the meeting to update the committee on the recently completed 2015-16 open enrollment and recent discussions regarding the strategic plan and budgeting process for the exchange.

Committee Staff and Website

The Legislative Council Staff is charged with assisting the committee in its activities. If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the committee or issues concerning the committee, please contact any of the following committee staff:

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Documents distributed during the meetings and meeting summaries may be found on the committee website at:

<http://www.colorado.gov/LCS/ExchangeReviewComm>.